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In re PATENT APPLICATION of:  
TEIICHI ICHIKAWA , ET AL.

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Examiner: HALEY, Joseph R.

Title: INFORMATION RECORDING METHOD, INFORMATION REPRODUCING  
APPARATUS AND INFORMATION STORAGE MEDIUM

RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated January 11, 1007, the due date for response to which is February 11, 2007, Applicants hereby elects the invention of Group II, claims 8-14, drawn to a recording medium, classified in class 369, subclass 272.1. This election is made with traverse.

It is respectfully submitted that the restriction requirement is improper as the criteria for a proper restriction requirement set forth in MPEP § 803 has not been satisfied. In particular, it is respectfully submitted that the no serious burden exists to search and examine the entire application and that Applicants believe claims 1-7 and 15-20 describe a recording apparatus and method related to the method of claims 8-14. It is respectfully noted that the entire application has already been searched and examined. See MPEP § 811.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement are respectfully requested.